

# KIYANNA LAWRENCE

Westfield, NJ | Artist, Poet & Creative Director

## ARTISTIC STATEMENT

Kiyanna Lawrence is a multidisciplinary artist, poet, and educator whose work explores creativity, healing, and emotional honesty through visual art, performance, and community connection. She believes art is not about perfection, but about the freedom found in the finished expression.

## CREATIVE EXPERIENCE

### **Host & Curator, “Open Canvas: Poetry & Art Nights” — Westfield, NJ (2023–Present)**

Organizes and hosts monthly poetry and art showcases featuring local writers, musicians, and visual artists. Performs original spoken word pieces centered on mindfulness, growth, and identity. Creates an inclusive, supportive atmosphere that encourages creative vulnerability.

### **Founder & Creative Director, Agape Arts LLC — Westfield, NJ (2021–Present)**

Curates and produces community-based art workshops and youth creative programs. Designs and sells handmade art materials, sustainable journals, and visual art pieces. Leads art education initiatives combining mindfulness, journaling, and creative exploration.

### **Art Instructor, DuCret School of Art — Plainfield, NJ (2024)**

Taught youth art classes focused on emotional expression, painting, and journaling. Designed lesson plans integrating mindfulness and creative self-awareness.

### **Creative Director, Interior Design Firm (2021–2023)**

Oversaw creative projects and visual direction for interior design clients. Developed original art installations and curated color palettes for professional spaces.

### **Performer, School & Local Theater Productions**

Acted in stage plays including: “The Wiz” (High School Production, 2017) and “Annie” (Local Theater, Age 9). Participated in school choir and performing arts showcases.

### **Exhibiting Artist (2019–Present)**

Featured in multiple art shows, focusing on emotional storytelling through color and texture. Organized exhibitions exploring mindfulness and identity through mixed media.

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- Mindfulness Certification
- Early Childhood Education Certification

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Board Member — Town Arts & Culture Committee, Westfield, NJ
- Workshop Leader — Youth Art & Journaling Programs
- Mentor — Emerging young creatives through Agape Arts

### **SKILLS**

- Poetry & Spoken Word Performance
- Painting & Mixed Media
- Event Hosting & Public Speaking
- Youth Art Education
- Creative Direction & Branding
- Mindfulness Integration in Art